

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees for the within Divisional application.

Applicants have cancelled claims 18-23 in the foregoing amendment leaving originally filed claims 1-17 pending in the subject divisional application. It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments do not involve the introduction of new matter and are supported in the originally filed disclosure including the originally filed claims.

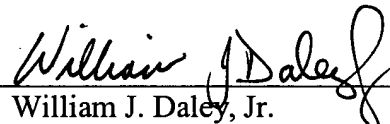
Applicants submit that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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